

Fun Times



MISTAKES? NEVER!

Winona Klacman found the mistakes last month. Who will find them this month? Find the 3 sentences that do not belong with the articles they are in. Bonus if you find the spelling errors! First one to find the 3 sentences that don't belong has a gift in the office.

Church Directory

UPDATE

- If you would like to update OR
- add your picture to our church
- directory, please let the church
- office know by January 5. Pictures
- will be scanned and returned.

You can also email your updated information and picture to the office at: office.unitedbaptist@gmail.com.

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
John 3:3b

GUARD YOUR HEART

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.
— PROVERBS 4:23 NIV

Our Socials



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BIBLE TRIVIA

- What was significant about Gideon's ephod?
 - It gave him great strength
 - It was stolen by the Midianites
 - It became a snare to Israel
 - It was worn only once
- What did Joshua the high priest receive in Zechariah's vision?
 - A golden tunic
 - A crimson cloak
 - A robe of sackcloth
 - Clean garments

NEW YEAR WORD SCRAMBLE

- JYRUAAN _____
- ANLAREDC _____
- BRCLEAET _____
- NOTCUDONW _____
- HDNITGIM _____
- TNORIUSOEL _____
- OLCKC _____
- OGALS _____

INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

-Hebrews 10:24-25

Online Giving



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Connection Point

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United as One Body in Christ

Pastor's Corner

This month, the key word is "seeker." You may have heard this word used in Christian circles, and it may have had a vague definition like "anyone who is not a Christian." I want to use it in a bit more specific way. This is talking about someone who has begun or is ready to begin a quest to really understand Jesus. In their book "I Once Was Lost", Don Everts and Doug Schaupp talk about different thresholds that non-believers must cross on their journey to Jesus. Becoming a seeker is the fourth one in the process. It is preceded by building trust, becoming curious, and being willing to change. The actions of a person who has decided that they are ready for change and a person who is seeking after Jesus may look similar, but the mindset shift that must occur is very significant. At some point, that person must choose whether it is worth it to keep pursuing Jesus or if it is just a waste of their time. The seeker not only sees the need for change but is ready to take the chance and see where it goes with Jesus. They may not be ready to follow Jesus with all their heart, but they are willing to learn from him and see what this Christian life is all about. So, how can we be there for our friends when they are seeking? First, it is important that we open our lives up to them. If they are going to follow Jesus, they need to see the reality of what that looks like. It might start with a Bible study together. They need to see how you engage with the word of God, but it cannot stop there. Let them see how you pray. Let them see what you struggle with. Let them see your doubts and your insecurities. Let them see that you are truly seeking after Jesus as a sinner saved by grace. Also, be enthusiastic about their questions and attempt to provide real answers. Not just Christian platitudes or quick answers, but wrestle through the questions with them. It is better to have a not-so-clear answer that comes from your heart and experiences than a clear answer that is just what someone else told you. Lastly, create a safe space for them to grow. This may mean adapting the way you do Bible study or starting something new that is geared toward those who are ready to seek. Consider how you can create a space where asking questions is encouraged, discussion is transparent, and expectations are clear. So, this month, think about who in your life might be a seeker and how you can help them one step closer to following Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeremy

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BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER: C It became a snare to Israel D Clean garments

WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS: January, calendar, celebrate, countdown, midnight, resolution, clock, goals



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Join Us

~ Sundays ~

Bible Study 9:30

Service 10:45 am

Nursery provided

~ Wednesdays ~

Meal 6:00

Bible Study 6:30

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to Noon &

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Closed Fridays

Staff

Pastor

Jeremy Prichard

Associate Pastor of

Missions & Ministry

Mike Garrett

Music Leader

Upuia Ma'ava

Secretary

Melanie Elkins

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Weekly Schedule

- Sundays
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- Tuesdays
7:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship
- Wednesdays
6:00 p.m. Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Thursdays
9:00 a.m. Men's Discipleship
1:30 p.m. Women's Discipleship
- Saturdays
10:00 a.m. Drive Up Prayer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Church Office Closed 1		3
4	5 Deadline for getting updated contact information/pictures to church office for 2026 church directory					2
11	12				*Raymond Harryman	9
18	19 6:30 Church Council Meeting					16
25	26					23
	27					30
	28 *Darlene Walton					17
	29 *Patsy Howe *Inogene Kulpemangel					24
	30					31

*Birthdays

*Anniversaries

Church Business

On Sunday, December 7, we had a short called business meeting after the morning worship service. This meeting was specifically to vote on the 2026 church budget and Bibian Martinez. The Christmas trees are put away. Copies of the proposed budget were available for several weeks. However, there was a slight change from that and what was to be voted on. It's been a warm winter so far. The quote for insurance for 2026 through our current agency was \$17,800. After shopping around, we found a better quote for the same insurance coverage. The change in cost would bring our expected income and expenses much closer. The expected income for 2026 is \$117,000. The expected expenses, with the new insurance quote, are \$117,872. We also affirmed Bibian Martinez as a new member.

Missions

This year, our Christmas Offering was to World Baptist Aid to help with the hurricane Melissa recovery efforts in the Caribbean. As of the printing of this newsletter, we raised **\$515**. Our member, Tyler Kutac, also went on a mission trip after Christmas to the area to help. We hope to have pictures and hear from him about his time there.



Glenda Roberts and family on the passing of her husband, Roy



One Body in Christ

Weekly & Upcoming Events Weekly

- Wednesdays
6:00 Meal
6:30 Bible Study
- Tuesdays
7:30 Men's Discipleship
- Thursdays
9:00 Men's Discipleship
1:30 Ladies Discipleship
- Saturdays
10:00 Drive up prayer
- Sundays
9:30 Bible Study
10:45 Worship

Upcoming For January

- January 1
Church office closed
- January 19
6:30 Church council meeting
- January 21
6:00 Potluck meal
6:30 Business meeting

Melanie will have 2025 year-end financial statements for your 2025 giving ready this month. If you like ice cream, let the office know. They will be mailed and handed out before the middle of the month.

All About Us ~ January through November 2025

Financials January through November
Income: \$106,417 Expenses: \$107,903

Financials for November
Income: \$8,357 Expenses: \$10,220

Copies of financials are in the church office.

Total Membership ~ 99
Average Attendance for 2025

Worship : 45 Online : 10
Worship Nursery: 5 Sunday Bible Study : 30
Average Attendance for November
Worship : 47 Online : 11
Worship Nursery: 5 Sunday Bible Study : 28